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In re application of: Thoma et al.) Conf. No.: 16977
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For: TASTE MASKED VETERINARY SOLID COMPOSITIONS

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY
ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 20, 2009, please amend the above-identified patent application as herein provided. A Request for Continued Examination is submitted contemporaneously herewith. Please charge the Deposit Account No. 09-0528 (N079 1030.US) the requisite fee of \$810 for the Request for Continued Examination. No further fee is believed due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or deficiency, including excess claims fees, or credit any overpayment to the same account.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this submission.